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SUBJ: NEWSPAPER REPORT ON US/ UK/ HK NARCOTICS CONFERENCE

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1. HONG KONG STANDARD JUNE 15 FRONTPAGE STORY HAEDLINED "3-NATION FRONT PROPOSED- HONG KONG, BRITAIN AND US PLAN ALL- OUT WAR ON DRUGS" CLAIMS MEETINGS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THREE GOVTS PROPOSED " SETTING UP JOINT OPERATION TO SMASH NARCOTICS TRADE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. " STORY CLAIMS HKG AND USG BOTH ENDORSED PROPOSAL AND HOME OFFICE IN LONDON IS NOW CONSIDERING THE PLAN. THREE UK PARTICIPANTS ARE IDENTIFIED BUT ONLY BNDD DIRECTOR INGERSOLL MENTIONED FROM US SIDE.
2. CLAIMING SOURCE AS DESCRIBING THE PLAN AS " COMPREHENSIVE" AND WITH " EXCELLENT" CHANCE OF UK APPROVAL, THE STORY CLAIMS FURTHER MEETINGS AND PERHAPS MODIFICATIONS OF PLAN POSSIBLE BEFORE NEW DRIVE GETS UNDERWAY. US DRUG EXPERTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WOULD " CLOSELY COOPERATE" AND COORDINATE ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS NATIONAL EFFORTS IN SEA. SECOND POSSIBILITY SUGGESTED IN ARTICLE IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ESTABLISHMENT OF CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN US- UK- HK EFFORTS AND
UN NARCOTICS BODIES.

3. COMMENT: HKG NARCOTICS COMMISSIONER ROLPH CLAIMS
HE HAS CHECKED WITH HKG PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE DENIED EVEN SEEING
PRESS SINCE CONFERENCE, BUT RIGHTLY POINTED OUT ACCURACY OF PARTS
OF STORY INDICATES SOURCE WAS WELL- INFORMED. POLPH EXPRESSED
OPINION THAT PUBLICITY MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN KEEPING HK VIOLATORS ON
TOES. IN ANY CASE, NAROCTICS PRICES IN HK HAVE RECENTLY RISEN
SHARPLY, POSSIBLY IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT DRUG SEIZURES IN
THAILAND, HK AND OFF VIETNAM. ROLPH REPORTS DEFINITE SHORTAGE
CURRENTLY IN HK OF MORPHINE BASE.
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